# PEANUT BELT RESEARCH STATION (NCDA&CS)

Location

City: Lewiston Woodville

County: Bertie

## Background:

- Established in 1952
- All components necessary for the modernization of peanut harvesting including digging, pickup and trashing were researched at the station
- At least 14 peanut varieties have been released since 1959

#### **Unique Characteristics:**

- Located in the heart of peanut producing region of North Carolina with soils and weather conditions adapted to the production of peanuts. All peanut varieties released by NCSU over the last 20 years have come from the Peanut Belt Station
- One of three sites in the state for testing Phosphorus requirements and one of two sites in the state for testing Potassium requirements
- The NCSU Department of Plant Pathology has monitoring equipment in peanut fields to monitor soil temperature moisture and well as moisture on leaves. This data is coupled with data taken from on site weather station to generate an advisory for local farmers on when to best apply fungicides to their crops.

# **Station Statistics**

Staff: 9

Management Units: Field Crops

Buildings: 23

**Research Program** 

Project Leaders (#): 17 Ongoing Projects (#): 16

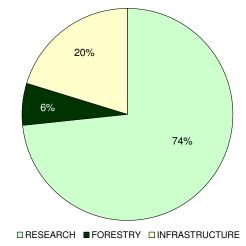
Focus: Peanuts, Corn, Cotton, Wheat, Soybeans, Cukes/Melons, Snapbeans, Sorghum,

371.98 ac.

Sage, Fescue

#### Acres:

Station Total		
Field Crops		150.64*
Peanuts	67.32	
Corn	35.3	
Cotton	29.18	
Cukes/ melons	1.5	
Snapbeans	0.32	
Soybean	7.95	
Fescue	0.5	
Sage	0.33	
Wheat	8.24	
Cedar Trees [for seed]		1.5
Rotational Crops		123.1*
Irrigation Ponds		7.0
Woodlands		24
Infrastructure		75.48
*includes double cropping		



## **Station Improvements:**

- Irrigation pond increased and improved
- Equipment Purchases JD Gator with sprayer attachment, GPS guidance/lightbar system, PTO irrigation pump,4 Row peanut digger

# **Station Events:**

- Field Day Peanut
- Training NCSU Extension Service and NCSU graduate course
- Tours Agricultural Representatives from Ghana, Monsanto researchers, American Peanut Research and Education Society
- Meets North Carolina Peanut Growers Association

